



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

December 22, 2000

S. 3181

National Moment of Remembrance Act

As cleared by the Congress on December 15, 2000

S. 3181 would designate the minute beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Memorial Day each year as the National Moment of Remembrance and establish the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance to encourage and coordinate the commemorations and observances of Memorial Day. The commission would consist of at least 22 members and could hire necessary staff. The legislation would require the commission to submit a report each year to the President and the Congress detailing its activities for the year. The commission would terminate on the earlier of either a date specified by the President that is at least two years after enactment or on the 10th anniversary of the legislation's enactment.

To fund the costs of its operations, S. 3181 would authorize the appropriation of \$500,000 for fiscal year 2001 and \$250,000 in each of fiscal years 2002 through 2009. The act also would authorize the commission to solicit and spend gifts and donations without further appropriation action. Gifts are classified in the budget as governmental receipts, and the spending of such sums would constitute direct spending. CBO estimates that receipts under S. 3181 would likely be less than \$500,000 a year. In any case, the net pay-as-you-go impact would be negligible in each year.

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